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DEPARTMENT PASS TREASURY FOR SECRETARY SHULTZ IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: OFFSET

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1. MUEHLEN OF FRG FOREIGN OFFICE TOLD US THAT FRG FINANCE MINISTER SCHMIDT HAS BEEN FULLY BRIEFED ON THE OFFSET SITUATION AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS OFFSET (BUT WE FEEL HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT INITIATE DISCUSSIONS) WITH SECRETARY SCHULTZ AT THE UPCOMING C-20 MEETING IN ROME.

2. THE FRG NATIONAL SECURITY CABINET (BRANDT, SCHEEL, SCHMIDT, AND LEBER) IS SCHEDULED TO PREPARE THE FRG OFFSET POSITION FOR THE NEXT (AND THEY WOULD HOPE THE LAST) OFFSET ROUND UPON SCHMIDT'S RETURN FROM ROME.

3. WE WISH TO REEMPHASIZE OUR CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN REF A AND HERMES COMMENTS REPORTED IN REF B.

4. A DISCUSSION OF OFFSET BETWEEN SECRETARY
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SHULTZ AND FINANCE MINISTER SCHMIDT, WE FEEL, IS

ESSENTIAL GET THE OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS OFF THE
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